



Grades 3 - 5

# Fireflies

THE KID'S SAFETY SOURCE

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## Danger Detective

You are an undercover detective. A Firefly came to your office to have you solve **the Case of the Lighter that was Left Out.**

It is a tough case to crack. It seems that all over the city, matches and lighters have been mysteriously left out where kids can reach them. The only way to stop this from happening is to crack the code in this note. It is your job to crack the code in the note and get the message of safety out to the community.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ are tools to start fires, but things that start fires can be very \_\_\_\_\_. Things that can be dangerous have rules to keep people safe. The \_\_\_\_\_ for matches and lighters are meant to keep bad fires from happening.

Rule #1 - Only \_\_\_\_\_ should use matches or lighters. They should never be left where kids can \_\_\_\_\_ them.

Rule #2 - If you find something that \_\_\_\_\_ fires tell a grownup right away.

Rule #3 - Try to \_\_\_\_\_ other kids from using matches and lighters. Tell them that matches and lighters are \_\_\_\_\_ for grownups, not toys for kids. If they don't stop, go find a grownup who can help keep \_\_\_\_\_ safe.

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Answers: Matches, lighters, dangerous, rules, grownups, reach, starts, stop, tools, everyone

# Feature Firefighter



## Meet Battalion Chief Mike Nakamichi

Chief Mike has been with the Seattle Fire Department for thirty-one years. He has been a Battalion Chief for two years. Being a Battalion Chief is like being a principal of a school. Just like your principal does things for the teachers and students at your school, Chief Mike does things for firefighters. He makes sure that the firefighters that work with him have everything they need to do their job. He makes sure they take classes to keep learning. The chief also makes sure they have supplies needed to do their jobs, like safety equipment.

Safety is a very important part of a firefighter's job. It is even more important to have safety as part of a chief's job. "Safety is the bottom line," says Chief Mike. Everyday we learn new things. When Chief Mike first became a firefighter, firefighters did not wear face masks. They did not know how dangerous it was to breathe smoke. They did not know how important it was to protect their eyes and faces. "If I could make my choice again, I would have worn a mask even though it was not a rule. It would have kept me safer" says Chief Mike. Now it is a rule that all firefighters wear a face mask in a fire.

As a Battalion Chief, Mike Nakamichi makes choices everyday that effect the firefighters he leads. He makes safety important by being safe everyday. He is a good example to his firefighters and to his community. "My primary goal is to send every firefighter home to their family as safe and sound as when they came to work" says Chief Mike.



**Chief Nakamichi and the crew of  
Station 17 in the U-District.**

# Good Choices

Making choices that are good for us can be hard sometimes. Write or draw about a time when you made a choice to be safe. Tell what options you had and how you made the good choice. What happened as a result of your choice to be safe? How did making your choice make you feel?

What was a situation where you made a choice to be safe?

What are other choices you could have made?

What happened as a result of your choice?

How did you feel after you made your choice?

# Subtraction Action

In the math problems below, do the subtraction to solve each problem. Match the resulting number to its letter in the key. Put the letter in the box above the math problem to reveal a secret message!

## Key

1=K	2=F	3=D
4=P	5=A	6=Q
7=J	8=V	9=E
10=I	11=O	12=G
13=R	14=L	15=Y
16=T	17=C	18=H
19=W	20=N	21=Z
22=S	23=U	24=X
25=M	26=B	

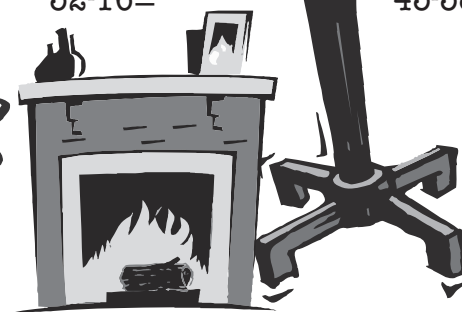
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53-27=	29-6=	85-72=	82-62=



Name three things you can do to prevent someone from getting burned?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_